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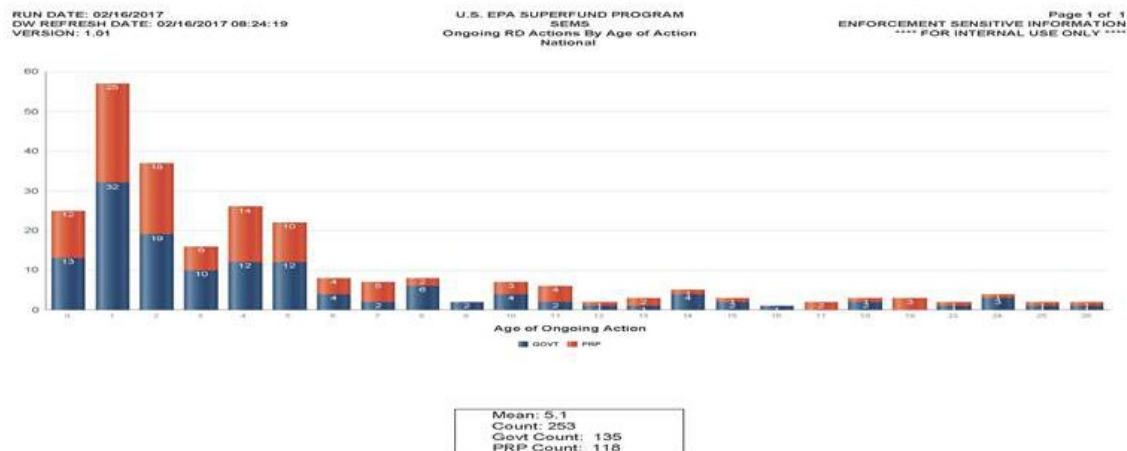
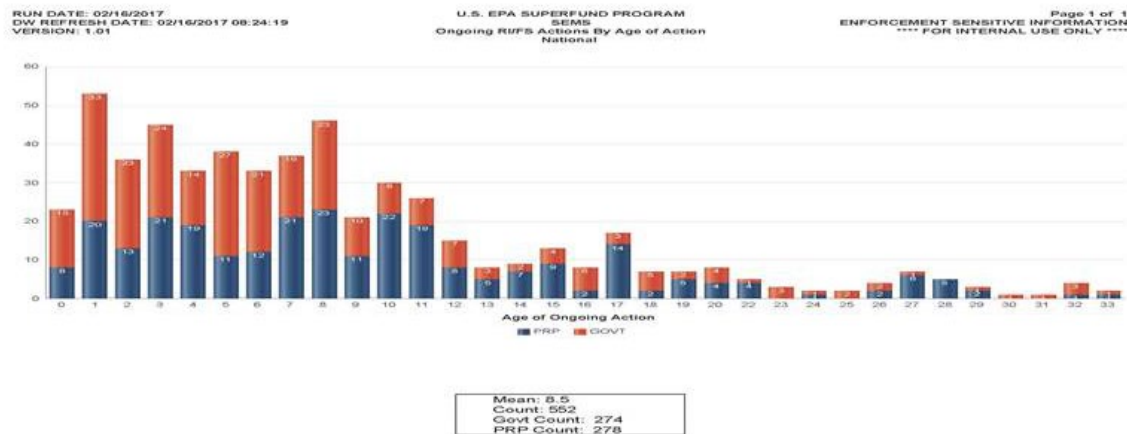
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Amy/Christine,

Katrina and I appreciate you hearing us out on the interim/early action issue.

As discussed, the Agency sends conflicting messages to the people we serve, namely the people that live on or near Superfund sites. On one hand we say that their site is on the NPL and therefore, it is bad for them and we need to do something about it. On the other hand, it takes us a long time before we even get to a point of doing something to address the problems on these sites.

As can be seen on the following charts pulled from SEMS, the average RI/FS and RD durations are 8.5 and 5.1 years, respectively (granted there are PRP stats in these charts but by visual comparison, taking the PRP data out it appears that the "Govt only" averages would be similar). Our recent RI/FS and RD starts in Region 6 appear to be consistent with these average timeframes.



In taking plus or minus 10 years before cleaning anything up at sites, when asked our default reply is always "talk/write your congressman". As public servants we are better than this. We should look at what resources we have and come up with better ways of doing things. Even doing little things at sites would be better than our default response.

So I encourage us to go beyond our default response. Again, we appreciate you listening to us and look forward to working with you on innovative ways to better protect the people we serve.

I have attached the actual/anticipated timelines for both of the sites we discussed as well as yesterday's presentation for your information.

Thanks, Mike Hebert